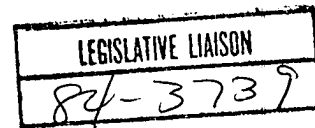


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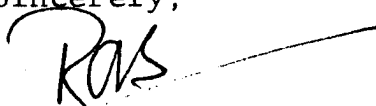
Dear Chuck:

Thank you for your letter of August 27, 1984, regarding the Central Intelligence Agency Information Act [H.R. 5164]. I regret that I have not had the opportunity to respond to you sooner but the press of business had made it impossible for me to do so. I suppose we could say that this is the bad news.

Now, the good news is that at 5:46 p.m. on Friday, September 28, 1984, the U.S. Senate passed the House-passed version of this legislation. Therefore, assuming that the President's signature will be forthcoming, the legislation should become law within the next week or 10 days.

It is my hope that this late news provides a far more satisfactory response than a prompt analysis of the legislative situation. I certainly hope so, and I look forward to seeing you at the signing ceremony.

Sincerely,


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Staff Director

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